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FOR PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM

E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAID, EFIS, NI  
SUBJ: PEACE CORPS FISHERIES SURVEY

REF : STATE 114051

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CLEMENTS/MEZAINIS VISIT TO CONDUCT FISHERIES SURVEY WITH MR. B.F. DADA, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES. HAVE ALSO GIVEN HIM COPY OF PEACE CORPS PROPOSAL FOR INLAND FISHERIES EXTENSION IN NIGERIA.

2. DADA INTERESTED IN BOTH VISIT AND PROPOSAL BUT SAID TIMING OF SURVEY VISIT IN EARLY JUNE WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR HIM SINCE HE IS COMMITTED DURING ENTIRE MONTH. HE LEANS TOWARDS JULY AS BETTER PERIOD.

3. DADA MENTIONED FRESHWATER FISHERIES SCHOOL WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AT KAINJI LAKE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND FAO HAS MISSION IN PORT HARCOURT STUDYING ESTABLISHMENT OF FRESHWATER FISHERIES TRAINING CENTER AT BUGUMA NEAR PORT HARCOURT. DADA VENTURED TENTATIVE OPINION THAT PROGRAM LIKE ONE DEVELOPED BY PEACE CORPS MIGHT MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPING FRESHWATER FISHING RESOURCES IN NORTHERN STATE SINCE DELTA REGION ALREADY  
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4. AT SAME TIME AS HE VOICED INTERESTED IN FISHERIES EXTENSION, DADA OBSERVED THAT HE NOT CERTAIN WHAT CURRENT POLITICAL ATTITUDE WOULD BE TOWARD PEACE CORPS ROLE IN NIGERIA. BELIEVE DADA'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF SURVEY VISIT TO TAKE

PLACE AND BE A SUCCESS, THEREFORE FEEL WE MUST ACCOMMODATE  
HIM ON TIMING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
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